

Spotlight on Trident

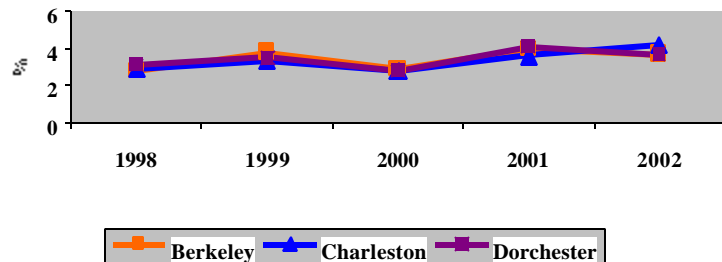
Location & Climate

Located in the southeastern area of the state, the Trident WIA is comprised of three (3) counties: Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester. This area experiences average temperatures in the low to mid 60s and has 49.36 to 50.7 inches of precipitation annually.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Trident area reached 281,020 in 2002. The Trident WIA counties had unemployment rates spanning from 3.7% to 4.2% in 2002, showing an increase since 2001.

WIA Unemployment Rate by County



Population

Total area population 2001: 555,631
Male: 49.1% **Female:** 50.9%
White: 65.1% **Nonwhite:** 34.9%

Employment

Average monthly employment for counties across the Trident WIA ranged from 48,050 in Dorchester County to 156,520 in Charleston County.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Trident WIA reached a total of \$33,872,381.

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Trident WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$19,159 to \$29,688; between 77% and 120% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.

